

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2037 – SB 2176

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that a person under 18 years of age must be making satisfactory progress in a secondary school or course leading to a GED(R) or HiSET(R) in order to be eligible for a driver license or instruction permit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3017(2), “satisfactory academic progress” means making a passing grade in at least three full unit subjects or their equivalency at the conclusion of any grading period. Other provisions in that section and Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-50-5 establish that, among other requirements, a minor must meet that standard in order to be eligible to obtain or retain a driver license or instruction permit.
- The proposed legislation deletes the “satisfactory academic progress” requirement while retaining the other existing requirements.
- Any required updates to the Department of Safety’s (DOS) A-list system to modify forms and procedures are estimated to be accomplished by the vendor that maintains the A-list system within the existing contractual arrangement without an increase in expenditures.
- Both the DOS and the Local Education Agencies are assumed to realize a decrease in administrative burden as a result of this legislation.
- This legislation would impact two cohorts of minors: those who are denied an initial D-Intermediate Restricted license and those that have their D-Intermediate Restricted or Unrestricted license suspended.
- The total cost of a D-Intermediate Restricted license is \$24.50.
- The reinstatement cost of a suspended license is \$20.
- The total cost of graduating from a D-Intermediate Restricted or Unrestricted license to a Class D license is \$19.50.
- The percentages of those two specific cohorts which will be impacted by this legislation is unknown.
- The DOS is estimated to realize a decrease in revenue related to the loss of reinstatement fees for those that have a license suspended and subsequently apply to reinstate.

- The DOS is also estimated to realize an increase in revenue related to additional minors who are currently denied an initial D-Intermediate Restricted License now being eligible to obtain one.
- Any decrease in revenue from loss of reinstatement fees is assumed to be offset equally by the increase in revenue from additional minors not being denied an initial D-Intermediate Restricted License.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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